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Dr. Normann is an expert on infant care — he has to be!

BY ROLF A. NORMANN

LUTHERAN WELFARE CIRCUIT RIDERS

The wide-open spaces of Montana mean a different way of doing things for this Lutheran Welfare Association.

Montana, land of shining mountains and sun-kissed plains, is also the land of 54,000 Lutherans who belong to seven different synods.

In 1947 these Lutherans banded together to establish social services for their people, but it was 1951 before the agency actually began to function. Goals selected by the Lutheran Welfare Association of Montana were to strengthen services to unmarried mothers, improve methods of placing children for adoption, and provide

chaplaincy services to people in state institutions.

Time and distance are expensive commodities in Montana. For example, a time study revealed that our full-time worker spent six whole weeks a year just in travel. This makes cooperation with the four licensed child-placing agencies in the state imperative.

Time and space also create a problem in hiring professional staff who,
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An only child on an isolated ranch needs brothers and sisters. For this reason, Lutheran Welfare of Montana places one-fourth of her children in homes that already have children.



News and Notes

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Sidney, Mont., Stanley Larsen, pastor. Feb. 23-26 were festive days at Pella Lutheran Church. It celebrated its fiftieth anniversary. Former pastors P. C. Jensen and Henry N. Hansen were guest speakers. Neighboring pastors also brought the Word of life, Pastor Theo. M. Hansen, Pastor Ejvind Nielsen and Pastor Alford E. Setness.

The congregation has decided to secure an intern to assist the pastor and it has decided to build a new parish unit. The Sunday School has passed its 300 mark. Two morning services are conducted each Sunday.

SYNOD W.M.S.

"To the members of the Women's Missionary Society: The end of the fiscal year is March 31, and local societies are reminded that all contributions and dues for this year should be in the hands of District Treasurers by March 20. Contributions to Missions have come in at a very gratifying rate, with only two items on our budget lacking funds, namely, the South American Mission and Dana Foundation. Approximately two-thirds of the dues are yet to be paid, and local treasurers are urged to send these to District Treasurers as soon as possible. Mrs. James W. Olsen, WMS Synodical Treasurer."

Racine, Wisconsin Emmaus Lutheran Church, Thorvald Hansen, pastor. A thumbnail sketch of the congregation's annual report includes a number of interesting facts. For a second year in succession the number of baptized members received into the congregation has exceeded 200. This past year the figure was 229 as compared to 209 in 1956. 116 confirmed members were included in this figure for 1957. The increase in total communions served during the year was 300. Average attendance showed an increase of over 50. The use of double services has been inaugurated. Financially, the Emmaus Church reached its budget with \$35,188.29 income, exclusive of organizational income. The Sunday

School enrollment is now 310 and a cradle roll listing 125.

The entire program at Emmaus has been carried on with voluntary workers organized to assist in the detailed clerical efforts of the pastor. A weekly pre-service bulletin with fresh statistical information, organizational activity and even inserts of worthwhile items found in "The Ansgar Lutheran" is mailed to every home.

New organizations recently brought into existence are: An Altar Guild, a Junior Chorus and a Junior Luther League. The latter group is using the "Adventure With Christ" study material and featuring the development of marching drill teams.

On February 2nd a memorial funeral service was held for Mr. N. P. Nielsen, the oldest member of Emmaus. He died the day following his 94th birthday. His faithful and active Christian life was a symbol in the Emmaus congregation.

Eugene, Oregon, Emmaus Lutheran Church, Edward Andersen, Pastor. Pastor and Mrs. H. A. Svendsen of Hutchinson, Minnesota have been visiting in Eugene, Oregon with members of their former congregation, Emmaus Lutheran Church of Eugene, Oregon, which they served for nine years from 1947 to 1956.

The Emmaus Lutheran Church congregation had a reception for Pastor and Mrs. Svendsen on Sunday evening, January 26th.

Even though being entertained also at the homes of the members of the congregation, they managed to spare some of the time to visit the sick and the invalids. This wonderful Christian spirit has always been known by the Emmaus Lutheran Church congregation. Pastor and Mrs. Svendsen were truly dedicated people serving their congregation, their church and their God.

They were on a vacation trip, which started them to go South to Texas to visit their son, Rev. Edwin Svendsen, and family and then across to California, where they visited relatives and friends. Continuing from Eugene, Oregon, they went to Puyallup and Yakima, Washington to visit their sons and families.

Dr. Paul Leo, professor of Testament at Wartburg Seminary, passed away unexpectedly and suddenly on Monday morning, February 10. He collapsed and died instantly while lecturing before his class in New Testament exegesis. He was buried on February 13. The funeral service was held in Loehe Chapel on the seminary campus. The deceased was born and educated in Germany where he also served as a pastor. He came to the United States in 1914 after a period of very hard experiences under the Nazi regime.

Professor Leo was respected and loved alike by colleagues and students because of a winsome personality due to his scholarly and dynamic personality. His death is a major loss to the Trinity-Wartburg community.

The second-semester courses served by Dr. Leo just three weeks ago, so suddenly without a teacher, were completed by Professors Bodemann and Mengers, both of the Bible field, and by Professor Bernard I.—Theo. I. Jensen

WILBER PETERSON SUMMONED

Wilber Peterson, born June 22, 1901 at Riverton, Iowa, died February 21, 1958, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Esther Cahill and Miss Lydia Peterson, 254 Roswell Ave., Long Beach, California, at the age of 56 years, seven months and 10 days.

At the age of three years he moved with his parents by covered wagon to Nuckolls County, Nebraska, located on a farm near Ruskin. His first home on the farm was a dugout in which they lived until building could be erected on the place.

He was united in marriage to Rebecca Skow on March 12, 1899 at Sutton, Nebraska.

They engaged in farming near Hardy, Nebraska, with the exception of ten and one-half years when they were managers of the Elim Child Home in Elk Horn, Iowa.

In 1939, they retired from their home to reside in Hardy, Nebraska. The last five years they have lived in their home with their daughters, Esther Cahill and Miss Lydia Peterson, in Long Beach, California.

The deceased was the last child member of the Bethany Evangelical

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Editorials and Comments

INTERESTING LUTHERAN EVENTS

When the National Lutheran Council met at Atlantic City recently for its 40th annual convention, the councilors were first faced with a report from the President of the Council, Dr. F. Eppling Reinartz, in which he asked that the two present merger negotiations of the churches with the National Lutheran Council be stopped and that the churches of the council negotiate a merger of all the eight bodies.

The first merger is that of the ALC, the ELC and the ELCA to be organized in April 1960. The second merger is that of the Augustana, the ULCA, the AELC and the Suomi Synod. This merger will take place later in the year according to information released.

The National Lutheran Council ruled out of order the report by Dr. Reinartz. The report from the National Lutheran Council News Bureau has this to say:

The Council ruled out of order a plea that plans for two separate mergers be abandoned in favor of an all-out effort to unite the NLC's eight bodies into a single Church.

The "eleventh-hour" proposal was made by Dr. F. Eppling Reinartz "in considerable anguish of soul" in his annual report as president of the Council.

"The church bodies of the National Lutheran Council under God can and now ought to come into organic union," he declared.

The Council said that matters affecting church union, discussed so earnestly in Dr. Reinartz' report, "are constitutionally outside the competence" of the cooperative agency.

The Council agreed, however, to receive the report and read it on the minutes "as the expression of conscientious convictions to which we have listened with respect and attention."

Dr. Oscar A. Benson of Minneapolis, president of the Augustana Lutheran Church questioned the premises of the recommendation and noted that since the Council speaks of social trends, international affairs and other issues without specific authority of its member bodies, "it should not be able to do so on Lutheran unity."

He said the resolution should have contained something about sharing Dr. Reinartz' "agonized hope" for achieving union of the eight Church bodies participating in the Council.

Four of these—Augustana, the United Lutheran Church in America, American Evangelical Lutheran Church and Suomi Synod—are engaged in negotiations toward merger, while three others—the Evangelical Lutheran Church, American Lutheran Church and United Evangelical Lutheran Church, plan to unite in 1960.

Dr. Fredrik A. Shiotz, president of the ELC, argued that the Council's constitution did not permit the agency to discuss the Lutheran union, that he himself was "out of order" in listening to the report.

He said he would gladly endorse a hope for total Lutheran unity, but pointed out that Dr. Reinartz had pleaded only for a union of two thirds of American Lutheranism—an apparent reference to the fact that his appeal did not include the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, second largest Lutheran body in America, which is not a member of the NLC.

A General Lutheran Conference

The National Lutheran Council meeting at Atlantic City ended favorably on a suggestion by Dr. Paul C. Empie, executive director of the Council, that the Council convene

a general Lutheran Conference next year. This means that the other one-third of Lutherans in America, those affiliated with the Mo. Synod, get together with the eight bodies of the National Lutheran Council to discuss the common problems of Lutheranism.

We believe this is a good idea, and we think it is much better than to follow the idea of Dr. Reinartz who wants to unite the National Lutheran Council churches. We may at times get disturbed about the aloofness of the Mo. Synod, but we must never forget that it is a powerful Lutheran group, and that we must do whatever possible to effect Lutheran cooperation. We simply report the official news release of the meeting at Atlantic City.

The Rev. Dr. Paul C. Empie, executive director of the National Lutheran Council, asked the Council at its 40th annual meeting, to convene a general conference next year.—He further recommended that Lutheran bodies not affiliated with the Council be invited to help prepare the agenda for such a conference and to participate in it.

The NLC carries on joint work in behalf of eight denominations. As many more, including the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, are not members of the common agency, although the Missouri Synod is associated with some of its special projects.

As proposed by Dr. Empie, the purpose of the conference would be to discuss present and future cooperative activities "in the light of contemporary ecclesiastical and international developments."

He said it should seek to determine whether the current pattern of Lutheran cooperation in this country provides "an adequate means for the meeting to the utmost of our responsibilities in witnessing to the Gospel."

Dr. Empie told the Council that his proposal for a general conference to study cooperative activities was motivated by the belief that current operations of the NLC are being carried on "within a framework geared to the world of 1945."

The future value of the Council, he said, will depend upon gearing its structure and program to "the realities of the developing Lutheran picture in America."

As outlined by Dr. Empie, the four main "contemporary factors" that should be studied by the conference are:

1) "The changed Lutheran picture resulting from proposed mergers" among seven of the eight church bodies affiliated with the NLC. One merger involves the Evangelical, American and United Evangelical Lutheran Churches, the other the United, Augustana and American Evangelical Lutheran Churches and Suomi Synod.

2) "The increasingly significant role of the Lutheran World Federation as a functional Lutheran agency," now serving 61 member Churches in 32 countries, including the eight bodies participating in the NLC.

3) "Developing relationships with Lutheran bodies not now participating in the National Lutheran Council," notably the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod which cooperates in Lutheran World Relief, Lutheran Refugee Service and the Lutheran Service Commission.

4) "The need for sound and effective coordination with other Protestant churches."

Noting that any major revision of the Council's structure deemed desirable could not be put into effect until about 1965, Dr. Empie predicted that the intervening years "are certain to be critical ones" in the life of both the churches and the nations.

"It may well become a factor of great significance to have the leaders of the Lutheran bodies of America sitting together at just this time to seek God's guidance as to the best ways to fulfill Christian responsibilities which can best be carried out cooperatively," he said.

The Council decided to present the ideas to the eight participating bodies for approval.

Church News from here and there

ABORTION LAWS IN SWEDEN

The majority of doctors have long desired more rigorous abortion laws, claims a large article published by two Swedish doctors, Per Aren and Curt Amark last month in "Svensk Lakartidning." The article presents the results of an investigation of the 234 cases in which women in Stockholm and its neighbourhood during the years 1950-1952 were granted a legal abortion without making use of it. In no less than 89% of the cases the two doctors find that the women have come to no harm whatever through giving birth to the child they might have had removed as a fetus, and in only 11% of the cases did the doctors find that the granting of a legal abortion had been justified. On the basis of this investigation the doctors declare that greater rigour is needed in the law's provisions as to when abortion is indicated, but at the same time they feel that really effective help should be given the women who apply for abortion without having it granted.

DANISH ADVENTISTS BUILD CHURCHES

There are 4,000 Adventists in Denmark. But they have built no less than ten churches during the past seven years. It shows what the free churches can do. The Adventists are not subsidized by the state as are the Lutheran Churches.

ONE SEAT IN CHURCH FOR EVERY 30 INHABITANTS

The Statistical Office in Copenhagen has produced some interesting statistics based on questions put to all the clergymen in Copenhagen and its suburban boroughs with the purpose of throwing light on certain aspects of religious life within the Lutheran National Church in the capital.

The statistics show that in the three metropolitan boroughs, Copenhagen, Frederiksberg, and Gentofte, there are 104 churches with in all 55,709 seats or one seat for every 17 inhabitants, whereas in the 19 suburban boroughs, which have developed rapidly in the last years, there are 48 churches and

chapels with 10,838 seats or one for every 30 inhabitants. In the municipal boroughs there are pastors or one for every 3,900 inhabitants, and in the suburban boroughs 74 pastors, which is one for every 4,400 inhabitants.

LAY WOMEN IN SWEDEN TO BECOME ASSISTANT PREACHERS

The Swedish Parliament has in connection with the discussion on benefice reform passed a resolution to the effect that women are to have the same right as men to become assistant preachers at churches. As a result of the regulation of benefices, it would otherwise be difficult to hold services. The regulation involves a joining together of parishes with only a few inhabitants, and in sparsely populated regions this means the rector cannot hold regular services in all the churches in the parish. If there are no ordained ministers in the neighbourhood who can step in as assistant preachers, the bishops will have the right to give laymen special permission to serve in this capacity, and according to the law now passed by Parliament the permission may be given to women. —The regulation of benefice is to be carried out not earlier than January 1st, 1961.

50,000,000 POUNDS OF CLOTHING RELIEF THE NEXT FOUR YEARS

The major Protestant churches are asked to give used clothing the next four years in the amount of 50,000,000 pounds. This clothing goes to many countries. Hong Kong, Europe, Korea, etc. The Algerian war has created a group in need of clothing. About 100,000 are in that group. Most of the clothing has to come from American churches.

MARTIN LUTHER FILM TO BE RELEASED FOR TV

Plans have been completed for the general television release of "Martin Luther," the full-length dramatic film on the leader of the Protestant Reformation that has been seen by hundreds of thousands throughout the world since its first showing nearly five years ago.

The motion picture will be available for television sponsorship by stations, commercial advertisers or church groups anywhere in the U. S. and Canada after Feb. 15, it was reported to the National Lutheran Council at its 40th annual meeting at Atlantic City.

The Wrestler

By S. T. Eward

BEWARE OF VOLUNTEERS

"Do not ask for volunteers. Appoint (select) leaders and workers."

This is an axiom accepted generally by all professional fund-raising organizations in churches. One of the reasons given by these "professionals" is that it has been their experience that many times the persons who will volunteer to serve on a fund-raising effort will do so for the sake of "engineering" it so that the gifts will be "token" gifts. (A "token" gift is one you are ashamed to let others find out about, and one which you can make in one payment—which does not require installment payments). Why do they want to engineer the program in that direction? Because if it goes beyond that, it will mean that they will also be required to make sacrificial gifts, and that they do not want to do. If others make more than "token" pledges and gifts to the church, these persons who volunteer to thwart this, will lose face. So . . . they volunteer to stop something which would shame them by exposing them, their selfishness and stinginess.

Does all of this really go on in the church? If you are not aware of it, get your head out of the sand and see for yourself! Perhaps the first place to look carefully is in the heart of the person whose face you see when you look in the mirror. YOU are the wrestler! You contend with a sinful nature. There are also forces

which tug at your heart asking you to surrender your life to Christ, to face up to this sinful nature which so easily controls your life, especially your pocket book. Maybe you are sensitive about money. Just "budget" or "money" and you become excited and perhaps even irritated. You are annoyed with the one who speaks up about these things. May you strike back by insisting that the church is here to preach the gospel and that we are free to give as much or as much as we may desire. You know also that the Word of God tells that we are not to use our freedom as a license. In this case it would be a license to be selfish and stingy. Since you have had some unacknowledged thoughts from your conscience that what you really want to do is use your freedom as a license, you would rather leave this subject alone. This is a realistic diagnosis of the wrestler.

How is the wrestler to win the "match" with his sinful nature? He does not win it once and for all. He contends with it daily in the communal life and in his personal life. To win in this conflict he begins honestly facing his condition, admitting what his motives are for some of his actions. He admits that some of his reasons are unworthy. To win this much, He seeks, through the Word, God's help from God.

The Washington Observer

By Gerhard Lenski

WALTER REUTHER'S DEMANDS

The stern demands of **Walter Reuther**, great leader of the United Auto Workers' Union, added to present world tensions, business difficulties and labor troubles generally are giving our Washington businessmen plenty of worry these days. If these demands are enforced a large scale strike and an economic spin can easily develop. Washington doesn't want that. Big business doesn't want it. The only persons who might want it are Mr. Khrushchev and his Kremlin friends.

Are **Mr. Reuther's** demands fair, reasonable? Should the auto workers have a larger share of General Motors' dividends and of the tax monies now paid by that great corporation? The question is many-sided. No neat answer can possibly be given. The simple fact is—the economic life of the nation can be greatly harmed if a fight-to-the-finish is allowed to develop while no answer is sought.

It is the feeling of the writer that this is the very time for labor leaders to try to re-establish their cause in public favor and to do all possible to insure steady employment and abundant production. **Walter Reuther**, whose record is decorated good, stands in a strategic position. By emphasizing fair play, clean dealing, integrity, respect for law and order, all this plus a genuine concern for the common good, he can do much both for the cause of labor and also for the stabilizing of the nation in a time when many are apprehensive and afraid.

Mr. Reuther has some fine Lutheran associations and some mighty good Lutheran friends. It is to be hoped that these influences will come into play and become productive of good in these coming days.

NEEDED — ANOTHER BOOKER T. WASHINGTON

Integration is having no easy time these days. Washington continues to have problems in that area. One of the worst of these is that of violence on the streets. Every day the press reports street robberies, purse snatchings, yokings, muggings, attacks on women. These, for the most part are by young men, some of them white, the great majority colored. Many women hesitate to go out after dark, on well lighted streets, fearing assault or attack of some sort.

Local schools have their share of disorder. Conditions have not reached the stage reported in certain Brooklyn and New York schools, but tensions are noted, strife between whites and colored, gangster tactics employed by teenage groups, a rising number of pregnancies among colored school girls.

It will do little good for whites to scold colored because of these infractions. If better relations are to be forthcoming the whites will have to be more patient while the colored clean house for themselves. Another **Booker T. Washington** is needed in Washington and in the land, an outstanding Christian leader who will challenge his own people to try to make themselves more worthy of the rights they seek and who, at the same time, is able to teach the whites the patience they need.

One of **Booker T. Washington's** statements comes to mind, a word which carries its own undeniable appeal both to white and colored in these tension filled days—this word: "There is no power in this world that can nullify the influence of a high, holy, useful Christian life."

OUR TRAVELING CONGRESSMEN

American money is being spent around the world and it is important

that it be well spent. Also it is important that we as Americans understand our world neighbors with whom we want to live in peace. All this, understandably enough, requires foreign travel on the part of our high government officials, especially our Congressmen.

Not a little criticism has arisen over the fact that so many of our Congressmen seem so willing to travel. One Washington observer notes that Paris seems to be the most visited spot of all, as though the very destinies of the universe were centered in that gay place. Another critic reports a small army of Congressmen, dependents and travel-pals, visiting Madrid, Spain. Why? Ostensibly to inspect the \$350 million construction program we Americans have set up there for defensive purposes. But since counterpart funds, expense money to meet basic living and travel costs, are generously provided (Congressmen have been reported to have received as much as \$200 a day pocket money), this same critic suggests that other interests enter in very strongly — sight-seeing, luxurious hotel living, bargain hunting, even questionable indulgence. An embassy official is quoted as saying: "A big slice of counterpart pesos is being spent in Madrid bars!"

While the situation may not be as bad as all this appears, still a little badness of this sort goes a long way. Critical comments like the foregoing are in order if as many as a few abuse their travel privileges and give our nation bad advertising. The answer? Plenty of good publicity will help. Also a stricter accountability. Also let the home folks, choosing their Congressman, make sure that he is an honest, faithful, public servant, not a "roaming Romeo" or a reckless spender of the taxpayer's money.

COMMENTED ON IN WASHINGTON

British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan is reported as being more favorably inclined to a top-level peace conference with the Russians

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During the Lenten Season our thoughts are turned in a special way to the Passion Story. It is amazing to notice Christ's great concern for those around Him. There is a note of concern for Judas when in the Garden of Gethsemane Christ asked, "Friend, why are you here?" He saw in Judas a soul that was in conflict. Judas had walked with Christ during these years and yet he was willing to sell his Lord for thirty pieces of silver. He saw the unrest in Judas' heart. He could have told Judas of his fate but the disciple would not have listened. What a tragedy. Christ was concerned.

It was an expression of concern when Christ had to say to Peter on the Mount of Olives, "Truly, I say to you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times." Jesus could foresee the hours of torment that Peter would have to endure after his denial and until he had heard the words of forgiveness uttered by Christ to him after the resurrection. It was the will of our Lord that Peter, and all believers, should walk in peace and this peace could not be theirs, nor can it be ours, unless our sins are forgiven. Jesus was concerned.

Christ showed his concern for a raving mob at the foot of the cross when he prayed, "Father forgive them for they do not know what they are doing." It was a concern for a repentant soul that caused Jesus to assure the robbers, "Today, you will be with me in Paradise." It was a deep concern for His mother that caused Jesus, during His last moments, to remind the disciple John to care for her.

These are but a few of the people for whom the Savior showed concern during the last hours before the crucifixion.

This concern did not stop at the hour of His death. After the resurrection He commanded the women at the tomb to go and tell His brethren to go to Galilee and there they would see Him. He wanted to talk to them. He wanted to assure them that He was not only the Crucified

Savior but also the Risen Lord. He was especially anxious to meet with Thomas to show him His hands and His side lest Thomas continue to doubt the resurrection. His closing words before ascending into heaven shows his great concern for the world. Those lips that had uttered that great evangel, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life," now says, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." This reveals His great concern for all men of all ages.

This concern for the souls of men did not stop at the time of the ascension. Through His Church, of which He is the Head, Christ has continued to proclaim His concern for humanity. Pentecost Sunday saw Peter expressing that concern as the penitent asked the question, "Brethren, what shall we do?" and the Apostle replied, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins." On that day about three thousand souls rested in this great truth that Christ was so concerned about them that through His atoning works they too could be forgiven and restored into fellowship with God. The message of salvation through faith in Christ alone was the message of the Apostolic Church. Paul did not go to Athens to lecture to them on morals but to tell of the Savior's love. Neither did Paul suffer imprisonment in Philippi because he had come there to give the latest word on social reform but his cause of irritating was he had told them the story of Jesus and His love for all who would believe.

Christ Is Concerned About You

By Homer Larsen

When the Church of the twentieth century faithfully fulfills its task it is the same Gospel of redeeming love that she proclaims. It is the message that confronts the soul of a man with Christ's great concern and love for him. There are many today who feel that no one cares about them. They live and die and no one is bothered. The aging gentleman who was visited by the pastor in the hospital is but one example. The minister had noticed at the information desk that this gentleman was listed as a Lutheran. He entered the patient's room and began to visit with him. At the appropriate time the sick man was asked about his church affiliation. Then came the words from a lonely soul, "I was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran Church but I have had little to do with Christianity since my confirmation day. You see, pastor, my mother died when I was eight years old. My father passed away when I was sixteen. I was left to take care of myself and nobody cared too much what happened to me."

How untrue! Perhaps humanity had failed this man. Perhaps even the congregation had not displayed the interest they should have shown. However, the Christ who met this person at the baptismal font and made him God's child through the washing of regeneration, is the Christ who stands waiting for this son to come home as the father waited for the prodigal to come home. Christ is concerned!

The Holy Spirit continually calls us and gives us the necessary grace to return to the Father. During this season of Lent the believer in Christ is reminded in a very special way of Christ's redeeming love through His suffering and death. This is the message that brings comfort and peace to God's children during these forty days of the Lenten Season and throughout our lives. This is the message the Church must bring through the pulpit and the personal contact that the Christ who died vicariously and rose victoriously grants to all who truly

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Our Foreign Mission Fields

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veteran missionary reports to
from Sudan, Africa, that . . .

CIVILIZATION IS UPON US

By J. I. Kaardal,
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The world has become small because means of communication are able to carry us anywhere in the shortest of time. Sudan, in the heart of Africa, has become a land of interest and progress—a part of the world now in the limelight. After the war the modern, and might add, questionable civilization, is fast overflowing most parts of Africa, Sudan included. People are awakened by many means, and most of the young people are wide awake. The force that has awakened nearly all pagan countries these last years is not the gospel in particular, although in some countries there are open doors for the gospel message. But wars, communications, soldiers returning from battlefields, discoveries of riches in the soil and earth have made the civilized man hungry for adventures. In some cases this is called "Help to the Underdeveloped." As missionaries with a message of salvation to preach, we are especially interested to see men and women hungry after righteousness, and that they enter into a new life with God in Christ. But most of those that are awakened intellectually and mentally are ignorant of the oracles of God and are yet lumbering spiritually. There is great danger for us missionaries to mistake interest and eagerness to learn for spiritual hunger. Missions can build schools in any village and they will be filled rapidly with children willing to learn. Many of them will astonish us by their ability to learn—and learn fast. Civilization is pressing itself upon the people. It is coming upon them

from every side and angle. It makes them dissatisfied with their old life in bondage of ignorance. They want to get out into liberty, socially, intellectually, politically and economically—little realizing that they are slaves spiritually.

The old pagan state and superstition has lost its hold on the people. The witch-doctor feels ashamed of his "profession," when he himself is sick he comes and asks for the white man's medicine. The chiefs who were "almighty" in their absolute monarchy are transported in exile by higher authorities today.

But all together it is springtime in pagan lands. Sudan has full springtime now. We have unlimited opportunities to present the gospel to every creature. It is sowing time for us. It is our solemn duty to point awakened souls to the living Saviour so that they may experience the power that can lead them out from darkness and bondage in sin.

It takes faith and patience from the sower. Much seed may be lost, but the living seed does not die. It can be sown again and again. It never fails to grow where it finds its way into a heart.

With the invading civilization comes many dangers. Industries grow up in the large centers. The large cities attract the young people, and they move from the rural lands and production of foodstuffs. The standard of living is mounting so fast that the younger generation is discontent. There is scarcely the inner spiritual power in many of them to stand against the pagan, sinful traditions of their fathers.

It takes spiritual conviction, power and strength of heart to break down what the fathers have built up and hold dear. The leaders of the new must be able to place something better in its place, or else the

society will disintegrate.

Dangers of false doctrines are coming in fast. Most of them teach an easier way "to Heaven" than we find in the Word of God. Political administration and aspiration for such offices have become an epidemic. We cannot but tell the Christians who are not qualified for the work to "keep hands off."

The converts have a desire to establish Christian homes and bring their children up in the fear of God and teach them to read and write. That is indeed not an easy task for them in the midst of a pagan society. It is yet hard for the young men to find believing girls to marry because so far in most missions in Sudan, very few girls come to Christ.

It takes faith, humility, wisdom and tact to break with old traditions and still walk in love towards those that hate you. The older people are pulling on old, besetting sins with strong ropes of tradition made by the "lusts of the flesh."

There is a universal cry that we have to replace missions with congregations. That is just what we personally have been doing, but it is not done solidly until we can get trained native leaders. To train and develop natives for leadership is the most pressing work on most mission fields today.

First of all we must ask God to raise up such leaders. They must be a gift from God to His Church. Then it is for us to receive them and train them. In order to lead and establish young Churches among their own people, the leaders have to be men of faith, conviction, experience, love and ability. They must be able to lead and suffer if need be.

Teachers for seminaries or Bible schools are not easy to find. First of all they must learn the language

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Stewardship of Women of the Merging Churches

WOMEN OF THE A.L.C.

By Mrs. Ervin E. Krebs, Treasurer

Funds and Projects

Recognizing the privilege and need of undergirding the work of the church with offerings, the WMF has a definite financial program. Approximately \$800,000 was disbursed in 1956. The greater portion of WMF funds is gathered through the use of the Thankoffering box, but special offerings for the support of India Missions and New Guinea Missions have been very generous. Projects in India are completely supported from these offerings and contributions for New Guinea Mission work have grown steadily each year, thus permitting more Thankoffering funds to be channeled to other important work. At the present time gifts received through the Thankoffering box are used to establish home missions, provide scholarship aid to foreign missionaries' children, give support to the American Bible Society and the Christian Approach to the Jew, pay salaries of several parish workers in American Missions, give aid to missions in Negro and interracial communities, make contributions to World Literacy and Christian Literature, and support the higher education program of the ALC, as well as other worthwhile projects.

Funds received through the Life Memberships and Memorials Department give aid to the Mexican Mission program of the ALC. The Junior Mission Band offerings give additional help to the various WMF projects. Offerings through the Special Needs Department provide a Christmas Cheer fund for retired pastors with insufficient incomes. Through their local organizations WMF members also support church-approved social agencies. Each year the Day of Prayer offerings are set aside for a project selected by the Executive Board; the 1957 offerings were given to aid our new mission field in Ethiopia.

Freewill Giving

WMF members are happy for the privilege of selecting projects to support always keeping in mind, however, that they are undergirding the total program of the church. It is the aim and hope of this organization to eliminate completely the use of money-making projects; and this is rapidly being accomplished, as more and more women realize that to give as the Lord has blessed them is truly the Christian way. Formerly, operating costs of the Federation were met through capitation

These articles on the Women's Missionary Society of the merging churches are about the finances of three women's groups. We have abbreviated them instead of three articles we print them as one.

or membership fees. The results of the freewill offering plan adopted this year have been most gratifying for these offerings are exceeding those formerly under the capitation system. At the same time such response shows evidence of understanding and integration of wise stewardship principles.

WOMEN OF THE E.L.C.

By Mrs. Robert H. Boyd, Financial Secretary

The Women of the ELC have a rather systematic plan of giving.

1. **Self-denial offering**—This money is used to support the Homes and Institutions of the Church, and received in February.

2. **Television offering**—Children's programs are supported by this money given in July.

3. **Mission box offering**—Boxes kept all year, are collected in September. Funds received are divided equally between Home and Foreign missions.

4. **Thank offering**—This November in-gathering helps support the work of Christian higher education.

The remaining offerings and gifts may be given any time in the year:

1. **Promotion and literature offering**—Each society contributes an annual offering to the general Women's Missionary Federation to defray the cost of printing and distribution of literature, as well as to help in promotion of the work.

2. **Cradle Roll enrollment**—For every baptized baby enrolled in the Cradle Roll, one dollar is sent to headquarters to be used for bringing the gospel to children and youth of the world. Some of the projects have included work amongst the leper children of Hong Kong, St. Paul Zion children's Camp, Indian, Mexican, and underprivileged children. The Executive Board determines the projects.

3. **Life Memberships and In Memoriams**—These ten dollar gifts used for special projects. The past year a sum of \$118,000 has helped build a Bible Camp in Japan, a hospital in Madagascar, and a new Home Mission Church among many other causes. Projects are recommended by the General Board and determined by vote of the General convention.

4. **General Convention offering**—Upon recommendation of the Mission Board of the ELC, a definite project is selected and tentative goal determined. For 1955-56 the project was **The Sudan Mission Advance** with a goal of \$51,000. God so richly blessed our endeavors that

are able to present to our ELC Foreign Mission secretary a sum of \$55,500. The project for 1957-58 is Gamoso Boarding School in Colombia, South America \$80,000.

WOMEN OF THE U.E.L.C.

By Mrs. George Pallesen, Vice-President

How much shall a woman give? Shall it be set dues to all? No one can answer those questions except for herself. A woman with no means at all, living on welfare funds, can still be a faithful steward for God. She can give of her time and talents. There are seldom two women whose family income and expense are equal. Therefore, set dues are not fair to all. They may be too high for a family of low income and much too low for a woman of wealth. How then shall women's church giving be fair to all? Giving from the heart out of love to God would be the answer. Free will giving would give such an opportunity to rich and poor alike. How shall a woman be guided in her giving? Surely the amount her neighbor gives or the size of the church budget are poor guides. Rather let her be guided by the blessings she has received. Each day God gives us what we need for our body and life and for those of our family; each day He is willing to forgive our sins and each day He sends us many blessings. Besides His daily gifts we are reminded of His greatest gift for our salvation—His Son.

What does He expect for these daily and eternal gifts? His suggestion is given in Matthew 6:33, "Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added unto you." He knows that, if we seek first His kingdom, then He will receive us a rightful share. He will not receive only what is left after we've selfishly cared for our own needs. So often when that is done there is none left for His needs. We are told in Proverbs 3:9 to honor God with the first-fruits of all our increase. "When all women everywhere seek God and His kingdom first, our coffers will overflow. There will be no need to have fund-raising projects in our churches. The fund-raising will come from hearts filled with love—"For the love of Christ constrains us" II Corinthians 5:14). We will then realize that when we as Christians give all we can individually, Christian hands will join everywhere, and God's work will go forward triumphantly. Triumphantly, because the hearts of Christian women will be behind this work, for "where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" (Matthew 6:21).

Editor's note: According to the three articles above it seems that if the Women of the UELC have more flexibility in their stewardship than those in the other churches. We believe that is the best. It seems to us that there is a danger if every month is designated for something. Our women are giving just as well as the women in the other churches. And the general stewardship of the UELC is higher than the other churches per confirmed member.



THE WEEK AT DANA

your midcontinent college

DANA AIRS POETRY, MUSIC

March 15 is the next in a group of radio programs that have been given over Omaha station WOW, 590 kc. This 15-minute program, which starts at 10:30 p.m., will feature English Prof. Norman Bansen being interviewed by junior student, John Blatter. Mr. Bansen will also read an original poem by a former Dana student. Program will include a number by the Dana college choir under the direction of Prof. Paul Neve. This is one of several programs which have been produced under the direction of Mrs. Elaine Watt, Dana speech and dramatics coach, who regularly appears on a Sunday morning TV program of her own.

STUDENTS URGE NEW CARAVAN

A caravan of energetic young people conducting a cross country religious census and spreading the "good word" to unchurched may happen again this summer. At least this will be the case if the students who put on a recent Dana chapel program have anything to say about it. Noel Petersen, sophomore from Minden, Nebraska, showed a number of colored slides of highways, homes and churches that the group had viewed during the 1957 summer tour. Alice Nelsen, sophomore from Beresford, S. D., told of the situations in which she and her companions had been able to witness for Christ. Carol Madsen, junior from Kenmare, N. D., described an especially eventful Sunday, when these young people were in charge of the church service in a small community and Carol was drafted as the organist. Foot pumping the organ and passing the collection plates all figured into the picture of accepting the responsibilities of a situation and making the best of conditions found. These college youths urged others to take up the challenge of the summer caravan for 1958. Rev. George Robertson is in charge of these annual youth service teams.

FACULTY FIND FELLOWSHIP

Nineteen Danians, including several wives, spent an evening with similar groups from Midland and Luther colleges at Wahoo for a "Valentine" party. Before the holiday lunch of heart centered ice cream, the teachers of the three colleges had been treated to an illustrated lecture by Dr. Paul Olson of the University of Nebraska on church architecture of Europe. The Luther "Luthermen" quartette sang a number of favorites. For Midland and Dana this get-together served as a lull between two basketball battles—one the Saturday before, and one the day after.

THE LUTHER LEAGUE

John W. Nielsen, Editor

The Lord Raised Up Judges

By John W. Nielsen

Following their deliverance from Moab by Ehud, the left-handed Benjaminite, the Israelites lived in comparative peace for a generation or two. But sometime later, probably about the time that Shamgar was slaying Philistines in the South with his oxgoad, a new danger confronted Israel in the North. There, Jabin, king of Canaan, afflicted Israel with his military might. This affliction was the punishment of God because Israel once again had forsaken the living God.

For twenty years Israel groaned under this oppression before God raised up the new deliverers. Chapters 4 and 5 bring us the interesting and dramatic accounts of Deborah and Barak. Although Barak is paired with Deborah and although there are other men involved, this is an event in which women play the dominant roles. Here we meet Deborah the prophetess and Jael the tent-dweller who by their vigorous actions win renown for themselves and deliverance for the people.

One day as Deborah sat beneath a palm in Ephraim, she summoned into her presence Barak of Naphtali and asked him, "Does not the Lord, the God of Israel, command you, 'Go, gather your men at Mount Tabor . . . And I will draw out Sisera . . . and I will give him into your hand?'" Her question indicates that Barak had received a commission from God of which he was already aware but had taken no action or of which she was informing him now for the first time.

Whatever explanation is put on Deborah's words, Barak's answer indicates a lack of confidence and an element of fear. Only if she will go with him, will he go out to battle against the forces of Jabin. Why, we ask, does Barak insist on Deborah's presence? Probably because her strong, dynamic character would instill courage into his fearful heart, but more probably, as the story seems to indicate, if she is a recognized prophetess in Israel, her presence might in some way serve

as a guarantee of the presence of God. At any rate Barak won her consent, but only with the announcement that the glory for the whole enterprise would go to a woman.

Israel was summoned to arms. Zebulun and Naphtali responded in force. So too, according to Deborah's song, responded Ephraim, Benjamin, Issachar, and Manasseh. Reuben and Gad, safely situated on the other side of the Jordan, ignored their kinsmen's cry. Dan and Asher, on the fringe of Israel dwelling along the coast, likewise failed to respond. No mention is made of Judah and Simeon. Either they gave some assistance or their location far to the south bordering upon the Philistines exempted them from taking part.

When the forces gathered at Megiddo, there was a strange array. Ten thousand Israelites assembled armed with whatever weapons were at hand, some with swords and spears of metal, others with slings and staves and cudgels. Against this peasant mass approached the military might of Canaan, the iron chariots and the well armed troops, commanded by Sisera. The stage was set for a bloody Budapest.

But then God intervened! From heaven the storm fought. The Kishon left its banks. The battlefield was flooded. The ground became a mire. The chariots were bogged down. The troops could not maneuver. Order became chaos. Strength became weakness. Unhindered by equipment the Israelites moved agilely from spot to spot destroying the foe in a terrible slaughter. Seeing that the day was lost, Sisera fled on foot.

What caused this disaster? Nature. An unexpected mountain storm accompanied by a mad display of lightning and violent peals of thunder had caused a flash flood of great proportion. But the question is not quite answered. What caused the disaster? God. Far behind the upheavals of nature and frequently working through them, is a God who is Lord of creation.

Sisera fled, but to death and not to safety. Wearing from flight and fearful of pursuit he came to the tent of Heber the Kenite whose clan was at peace with

YOUTH OFFICE BULLETIN BOARD

Change in Youth Office Address

The number of the Rural Route serving the Youth Office has been changed from 2 to 1.

Could You Use \$150.00?

If you are a High School Senior planning to go to college, if you are an active leader in Luther League, and if your grades are high, you may qualify for one of the two \$150 "Lutheran Youth Leadership Awards" from Lutheran Brotherhood. Ask your Pastor for an application blank, or write the Youth Office. All applications must be in the Youth Office on or before April 1, 1958. Blanks will be sent to Pastors upon request.

When Jael, the Kenite's wife, offered him refreshment as well as shelter, he welcomed both. He did not suspect the dark plan that had been formulated in this woman's mind for his destruction. Exhausted, he slept, and while he slept, Jael drove a tent peg through his head. Triumphant she revealed her victory to the Israelites who glorified her deed. And the Lord had rest for forty years.

This is the story of Deborah and of Barak, of Sisera and of Jael, as it is told first in prose and then in poetic form. There is little doubt but that the dramatic powers of the poetic version exceed those of the prose account. The final picture of the poem where Sisera's mother looks in vain for her warrior son is a literary masterpiece. The attitude of the Israelites is summed up in the last lines:

So perish all thine enemies, O Lord

but thy friends be like the sun as he rises in his light."

People and Places

North Dakota:

On January 30 the Luther Leaguers from Flaxton and Bowbells went to Estevan, Sask., Canada, to attend a hockey game. Following the game the leaguers had refreshments. They were accompanied by their sponsors, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Johnson and Sylvan Anderson, and Pastor and Mrs. Virgil Anderson.

A Get Acquainted Rally for the Luther Leagues of the three merging bodies in North Dakota will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church at Bismarck from October 16-18.

Minnesota:

The Milltown, Wisconsin, leaguers exceeded their \$1300.00 YES goal with pledges amounting to \$1500.00.

Minneapolis leaguers of Immanuel made scrapbooks for missionaries at their January meeting.

Young people from Hutchinson and Sleepy Eye spent Dec. 30 through January 1, at Camp Ihduhapi on Lake Independence. Each morning there was Bible study, discussion, and planning sessions; in the afternoons there was time for skating, tobogganing, hiking, and indoor activities. The evening schedule included group sing, a film, and buzz sessions. Tom Brunberg was in charge of the New Year's Eve Watch Service at which Pastor J. E. Andersen spoke.

District Convention will be held for the Luther Leagues of the Minnesota District at Milltown, Wisconsin, April 11-13. The theme will be "Filled With The Spirit."

Let Me Keep Lent

Let me keep Lent;
Let me not kneel and pray,
Forego some trifle every day,
Fast . . . and take Sacrament . . .
And then
Lend tongue to slander, hold ancient grudge, deny
The very Lord whom I would glorify.
Let me keep Lent;
Let my heart grow in grace,
Let my light shine 'til my illumined face
Shall be a testament
Read by all men
That hate is buried,
Self crucified—new-born
The spirit that shall rise on
Easter morn.

—Selected

BY THE FIRESIDE

O COMFORTER, OUR GUIDE

He knows it all;
He looks beyond the sight
Of our dim eye:
He sees it all,
Around the roads that bend,
O'er hill so high.

We see "today."
So circumscribed our view,
We dimly see;
But ah, his scope!
His great horizon sweeps
Eternity.

We need not know
The things that lie ahead
When he's our stay.
O Comforter,
Our guide, we do not need
To know the way.

—Eva Gray in *Our Hope*

HOW A FAMOUS POEM WAS WRITTEN

It is not every poet that has the gift of hymn writing.

As Tennyson's nurse was sitting one day at his bedside, she said to him: "You have written a great many poems, sir, but I have never heard anybody say that there is a hymn among them all. I wish, sir, you would write a hymn while you are lying on your sick bed. It might help and comfort many a poor sufferer." The next morning the poet handed her a scrap of paper, saying, "Here is the hymn you wished me to write."

The hymn given proved to be "Crossing the Bar," the poem that was sung in Westminster Abbey at Tennyson's funeral, and which, although some would not call it a hymn, has touched many hearts.

THE EARLIEST TIME TELLING DEVICES

By Ben L. Byer

The earliest devices for measuring time would not work on a cloudy day. The sundial told time by the shadow cast by the sun, by a dial on a plane, indicating the passing of the hours. So, when there was no sun there was no indication of time.

The first such instrument we read about in history, is the sundial of Ahaz, mentioned in the Bible. In the Book of Isaiah the 38th chapter, we are told that God turned the shadow of the sundial of Ahaz backward ten degrees. Ahaz lived near the area where the sundial originated, if we

are to believe Herodotus, for he says this primitive time-telling device was first used in Babylon.

The first crude sundials gradually developed into accurate time pieces. A flat piece of metal came to be used as a plane, and the stile was an ornamented v-shaped piece of metal, fastened in an upright position. To get the correct time, the stile was so placed as to point toward the north pole. The portion of the plane where the shadow fell was divided into twelve parts, to indicate the hours of daylight. Perhaps there was no need of knowing the time of night, for those hours were made for sleep.

For the convenience of persons who traveled, or did not have access to a stationary sundial, a pocket type was developed. These were very similar to our watches, and were carried in the pocket. To know the time they were held in the light with the point of the stile as near north as possible.

The largest sundial ever used is still in existence at Jaipur, India. The maharaja of Jaipur province, had it built in 1730. The stile of this mammoth time piece is 147 feet long, and stands ninety feet tall. The plane on which the shadow falls is a great stone arc, having a radius of fifty feet. The shadow on this large plane moves across its face at the rate of about one foot every five minutes.

The oddest sundial, of which we have any record today, was a standard on which there were mounted a number of planes. There was a vertical plane, and one inclined at a certain angle. Also on this same standard there was a special sundial, so arranged as to indicate the time in different countries, at different times of the day.

But, despite the great improvements in time-telling instruments, the sundial still lives. Many gardens and homes, are decorated with fancy sundials, which, of course, are ornaments or decorations. But the use of the sundial still persists, and recently a clock manufacturer started making a pocket sundial. It has a compass, with variations, which makes its time-telling quite accurate. Also there are three sets of time-lines for different latitudes, and a table giving the variation in time, for different cities.

—Gospel Herald

GRANT UNTO US THE INHERITANCE

Merciful and most loving God,
by whose will and bountiful grace
Jesus Christ our Lord humbled
himself
that he might exalt all mankind
and became flesh
that he might restore in us
the lost celestial image,
and was born of the virgin
that he might uplift the lowly
grant unto us
the inheritance of the meek,
perfect us in thy likeness,
and bring us at last to rejoice
in beholding thy beauty,
and with all thy saints
to glorify thy grace,
who hast given thine only-begotten
Son
to be the Saviour of the world.
Amen.

—Ancient Collect

AN HONEST ANSWER

The maid had just given notice she was leaving, and the lady of the house was quite upset. "Mary," said, "haven't we always treated like one of the family?"

"Yes, ma'am," Mary replied; "sure have, and I just can't stand any longer."

LEAVE ALL THINGS TO GOD

We must not tempt God when we pray, that is to say, we must not set a time, measure, or goal as to when He will answer us. We must humbly leave all things to Him who in His divine and incomprehensible wisdom does all things well. And we must not doubt that our prayer is most certainly answered even if it seems otherwise.

—Luther

GOD NEEDS MANY MINISTRIES

God needs many and various ministries. Therefore He gives many and various gifts and ordains that we should use them. Although a man's state may be lower than your own, you must not forget that it is also ordained by God. He does not ask whether you are a lord or a servant, a husband or a wife. He remains in the state to which you have been called, and learn to serve God in it by serving your neighbor.

—Luther

LUTHERAN WELFARE CIRCUIT RIDERS

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the most part, like to be in urban communities. The present executive director not only serves as a clinically trained chaplain and social worker, as homefinder, marriage counselor, supervisor, lobbyist, fund raiser, and even multigraph operator.

At the ring of the telephone he may be alerted to a thousand mile trip to visit an unmarried mother who wishes to release her baby for adoption. He catches the next train, equipped with supplies—diapers and gowns, bottles, and blankets, but most important of all, know-how of infant care. To avoid the sympathy of people on the coach who are sure "the poor man has just lost his wife" or the suspicious ones who are sure that he is a baby snatcher," he uses the privacy of a roomette or berth. Even the babies of this great state show individuality, as was demonstrated by one young lady, only a few days old, who refused to share a berth with the director and went to sleep only when he was moved to the men's room for the night.

As a chaplain, the director has religious instruction once a week at the State Girls' Vocational School. He provides spiritual counseling for these girls and the unmarried mothers served by the agency. He has had to curtail other chaplaincy services because of shortage of casework staff.

This may sound as though Lutheran Welfare Association of Montana is a one man show." This is partially so, since the executive director at the present time is the only full-time worker on the staff. The director of child welfare services works half time, the office secretary works on a three-fourths basis, the case workers in the state who represent the Association are paid on an hourly basis. When it appeared impossible to replace the former full-time worker, Mr. Thos. Orvick, who did such an outstanding job of establishing the Child Welfare Services, it was found there were married women, graduates of schools of social work, interested in working part time. Since they live in various parts of the state, a telephone call or letter with a request that they accept the case has reduced the travel problem.

Supervising the workers (including the director in his role as a caseworker) is Mrs. Adelaide Delorme, Child Welfare Director. Her excellent training and many years of experience as a caseworker and supervisor of the Montana State Public Welfare Department are of tremendous value to the agency. She, too, is expected to be a versatile person—giving case-

work services to unmarried mothers at the Florence Crittenton Home, acting as consultant to the staff of State Vocational for Girls, sharing a case of marriage counseling with the executive director, or counseling a juvenile delinquent. She brings workers together, to plan, question, to share experiences and skills, and just talk.

Workers have found that there isn't much difference between making a home study of a ranch or urban family. However, not as much meaning can be placed on broken appointments and punctuality as is usual, because of weather and distance. It is also recognized that an only child on an isolated ranch has a need for brothers and sisters. Because of this, Lutheran Welfare places one-fourth of her children in homes that already have children.

Our workers truly must be "circuit riders," since they arrange to see all of their clients in an area on the same trip. The agency cannot afford the luxury of workers who specialize in just one area of service. Consequently, such a "field trip" may involve a variety of work—a child in a foster home, a juvenile delinquent in an institution, a supervisory visit to an adoptive home, an interview with adoptive applicants (often in a church office), or a visit with a pastor who is having a difficult counseling problem. In their home communities our caseworkers share the responsibilities for developing the Agency. They make contacts with local doctors, lawyers, and judges, cooperate with public and voluntary agencies and congregations.

Last spring a member of the Board and his interested wife filled their car with workers to attend the meeting of the Child Welfare League in Seattle. In the fall the Board was well represented at the Montana Conference of Social Work in Missoula. Quarterly meetings of the Board are positive in approach, vigorous and stimulating. Members arrive by car and train, some of them travel about a thousand miles, leaving business, ranch, profession, or pastoral duties for a two-day period in order to sit down as a group to help plan for the development of "my agency."

Many are the satisfactions that are found in the day-to-day experiences of the staff—the arrival of the adoptive couple to see the selected baby ("We left the combine standing in the middle of the field when we heard you had a baby for us"); the eloquence of the new father as he tells about his child (the man had been described in the study as "quiet, and lets his wife do most of the talking"); the loving care given the two Greek

children who have found homes in Montana as a result of cooperation with International Social Service; and the letter from a girl who has found peace with God and a new pattern of living.

—Lutheran Herald

THE WASHINGTON OBSERVER

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than either President Eisenhower or Secretary Dulles. He is quoted as saying: "I still believe with Sir Winston Churchill that jaw-jaw is better than war-war." Mr. Prime Minister, we heartily agree!

Representative A. S. Herlong of Florida has placed in the **Congressional Record** (Jan. 30, 1958, p. A869), a letter from one of his clergymen constituents. This clergyman comments on how Uncle Sam pays the farmer for not growing corn. He raises the question—why not pay preachers for not preaching sermons. He points out that many would be pleased with this arrangement since sermons are so many. He concludes by generously offering to refrain from preaching for a year for a nominal sum, say \$15,000 a year. What does the Congressman think about it?

In a more serious vein **Senator Williams** of Delaware asks the Justice Department to investigate the case of Swaps, the race horse. Swaps is owned by a Western rancher and is a Kentucky Derby winner with earnings in excess of \$840,000. In spite of all this nearly \$30,000 has been paid his owner for drought relief. Says the Senator: "I am sure the racing fans who watched this horse did not realize he was on government relief." Yes, Senator, please investigate and let us know.

Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare Marion Folsom says there is a great need for linguists in both government and business. Two languages especially need cultivation—Russian and Chinese—and fine openings are available for those able to use them. Young fellow, is Secretary Folsom calling you?

*Synodical Budget comprises: (1) Children's Homes, (2) School Fund, (3) General,
(4) Home Mission, (5) Indian Mission, (6) Pension Fund.
**Extra-Synodical Comprises: (F) Foreign Mission (where most needed), (So.) South America,
(Ja.) Japan, (Sa.) Santal, (Su.) Sudan, (J) Jewish, (Ch.) China.

	Fiscal Year	Calendar Year	Extra- Synodical**	Cal
Budget (Synodical 1957-58, LWA 1958)				
Previously acknowledged, Feb. 8, 1958	228822.67	\$79216.04 213090.42	13901.23	53
Pass Lake, Ont., Canada, Salem Luth. S. S. for Santal Mission \$10, Home Mission \$10, Indian Mission \$12.50, LWA \$10	42.50	22.50	Sa. 10.00	
Pasadena, Calif., Bethany Luth. S. S. for So. America and Sudan Missions, \$30.00 each	60.00		60.00	
Petaluma, Calif., Elim Luth. Church	200.00	200.00		
From S. S. for Elim Luth. Home, Elk Horn, Ia.	7.60	7.60		
San Francisco, Calif., Ansgar Luth. Church, collection Jan. 26 at time of Helen Danielson's visit	63.75		So. 63.75	
Underwood, Ia., Underwood Luth. Church	20.90	20.90		
Glidden, Ia., Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Jensen and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Christensen, Scranton, Ia., for Native Evangelist in Santal Mission for February	10.00		Sa. 10.00	
West Branch, Ia., Bethany Luth. S. S., a thanksgiving offering	5.00		Su. 5.00	
Westbrook, Me., Trinity Luth. S. S., from Luther League Bible Class for support of a Sudan student	40.00		Su. 40.00	
Farmington, Minn., Farmington Ev. Luth. Church S. S.	50.00		Su. 50.00	
Blair, Nebr., Mrs. Christine Eskelsen, in memory of son, Edward Eskelsen, for Pension Fund, credit to Bethesda Church, Moorhead, Ia.	5.00	5.00		
Blair, Nebr., Mr. and Mrs. N. T. Lund, for: \$50 each to following: S. America, and Japan Missions and LWA	150.00		100.00	
Dannebrog, Nebr., Luth. Church, from the Sunshine Circle	20.00	20.00		
Westby, Mont., Danville Luth. Church	14.19		So. 14.19	
Cushing, Wis., First Luth. Church	300.00	300.00		
Racine, Wis., Our Savior's Ev. Luth. Church	1500.00	1500.00		
In memory of Mrs. Peter Werner	2.00		(F) 2.00	
Brush, Colo., Mrs. Karl Hundtoft, Eben Ezer Home, in memory of husband, Karl Hundtoft, credit to Sidney, Mont., Pella Luth. Church	5.00		(J.) 5.00	
Denver, Colo., Christ the King Ev. Luth. Church	222.25	116.00	(F) 106.25	
Exira, Ia., Exira Luth. S. S. for Home Missions	100.00	100.00		
Graettinger, Ia., So. Walnut Luth. Church, from friends of Mr. Edward P. Duhn of Graettinger, for Home Missions	6.00	6.00		
Harlan, Ia., Immanuel Luth. S. S.	13.00		Su. 13.00	
Kimballton, Ia., Bethany Ladies Aid birthday money	9.50		(F) 9.50	
Northfield, Minn., St. Peter's Luth. S. S.	55.50		Ja. 55.50	
Sleepy Eye, Minn., Brookville (Fredsmilde) Luth. Church	100.00	100.00		
Westby, Mont., Emmaus Luth. Church	10.00		So. 10.00	
Fremont, Nebr., Bluffs Trinity Luth. Church	1000.00	1000.00		
Omaha, Nebr., Pella Ev. Luth. Church	300.00	300.00		
Bowbells, N. Dak., Bethlehem Luth. Church, collection on Feb. 9 at time of Helen Danielson's visit	29.29		So. 29.29	
Flaxton, N. Dak., United Luth. Church	13.10		So. 13.10	
Beresford, S. Dak., Walter G. Johnsen, in memory of Mrs. Aug. Johnsen from Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Erickson	1.00		Sa. 1.00	
Camp Douglas, Wis., St. Stephen's Luth. Church	140.00	125.00		
Milwaukee, Wis., Kingo Ev. Luth. Church	350.35	250.00	Ja. 100.35	
Toronto, Ont., Canada, St. Ansgar Luth. Church	650.00	410.00	(F) 140.00	
Aurora, Colo., Altura Luth. Church	65.00	65.00		
Indianapolis, Ind., First Trinity Ev. Luth. Church	82.10	82.10		
Detroit, Mich., N. W. Trinity Luth. Church	400.00	400.00		
McCabe, Mont., Ebenezer Luth. Church, offering received at time of Helen Danielson's visit	54.00		So. 54.00	
McCabe, Mont., From Marton Olsen and Paul Olsen, Culbertson, Mont., in memory of Edwin Savanold, credit Ebenezer Luth. Church, McCabe	10.00	10.00		
Dannebrog, Nebr., Dry Creek Luth. Church	65.00	65.00		
Lincoln Nebr., Synodical Women's Missionary Society Treasurer:				
Iowa District				
North Circle, Nazareth Luth., Beresford, S. D., Life Memberships for Mrs. Anna Kinkner and Mrs. Oline Johnson	13.50		Su. 13.50	
Bethesda Luth. Ladies Aid, Moorhead	15.00		So. 15.00	
Bethesda Luth. Ladies Aid, Moorhead, for Wahlgren's salary	15.00		Su. 15.00	
St. Paul's Ladies Aid, Rolfe	100.00		So. 100.00	
St. Paul's Ladies Aid, Rolfe	100.00		Sa. 100.00	
Atlantic District				
Trinity Luth., Westbrook, Me.	17.50		So. 17.50	
By Mrs. Dorothea Petersen, in memory of Oscar Andersen, Needham, Mass.	3.00		So. 3.00	
St. Matthew's Luth. L. A., Laurens, N. Y., Life Memberships for Mrs. Anna Henningsen and Mrs. Agnes Wagschal	13.50		Ja. 13.50	
Wisconsin District				
St. Stephen's L. A., Camp Douglas for So. America Mission Translation	10.00		So. 10.00	
Our Saviour's WMS, Oshkosh	25.00		So. 25.00	
Immanuel Luth. L. A., Racine, So. America Mission Translation	25.00		So. 25.00	
Wisconsin District WMS for Helen Jacobsen's Feb. salary	70.00		Su. 70.00	
Minnesota District				
St. Peter's Luth. L. A., Northfield, for Silver Anniversary	4.00	4.00		
Junior Mission Society, Albert Lea	2.50		Su. 2.50	
Nebraska District				
Ebenezer Memorial Luth. Helping Hands, Oaks, Life Memberships for Miss Nana Nielsen and Mrs. Roscoe Rusk, \$4.50 each for Santal, Sudan and Japan Missions	13.50		13.50	
Brooklyn, N. Y., Salem Danish Ev. Luth. Church S. S., Christmas offering to Oaks Children's Home	50.00	50.00		
Bowbells, N. Dak., Bethlehem Luth. S. S., collection at time of Helen Danielson's visit Feb. 9.	12.00		So. 12.00	
Hartland, Wis., Our Savior's Luth. Church	500.00	500.00		
Poy Sippi, Wis., First Luth. Church, collection at time of Helen Jacobsen's visit	38.75		Su. 38.75	
For Synod. quota	100.00	100.00		
From Sunday School	29.14		Sa. 29.14	
Waupaca, Wis., Miss Edith Jensen, a member of Trinity Luth. Church, for So. America Mission	30.00		So. 30.00	
For Santal Mission, to train a native Bible Teacher	30.00		Sa. 30.00	
Blair, Nebr., Check from John Wendell Johnson, Executor of Estate of Marlane Johnson, Deceased, representing distributive share of cash from Estate, \$7,541.18				
TOTAL	236212.09	218849.52	15356.55	20

Received with thanks.

Blair, Nebraska, February 15, 1958.

P. V. Hansen, Treasurer

NEWS AND NOTES

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theran Church near Ruskin, Nebraska, where he maintained his lifelong church membership. The congregation was organized in the home of his parents in 1893.

He has always lived close to his word, daily searching the Scriptures and being constant in prayer. He was a faithful church member, kind and loving husband and father, gracious host, an inspiration to his family and community by his devout and consecrated life.

He is survived by his wife, Rebecca; five daughters: Mrs. Soren S. (Marie) Aldahl, Oaks, Oklahoma; Mrs. Leo (Esther) Cahill, Long Beach, California; Miss Lydia Peterson, Long Beach, California; Mrs. Patrick (Martha) O'Donnell, Whittier, California; Mrs. Jewell (Anna) Kinder, Bellflower, California; two sons: Daniel of Norwalk, California and Walter of Superior, Nebraska; one brother of Ruskin, Nebraska, ten grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; other relatives and a host of friends.

Funeral services were held at Long Beach, California, February 6, 1958. Officiant: Rev. Virgil F. Bjerke, Our Savior's Lutheran Church. Entombment was at Sunnyside Mausoleum, Long Beach, California.

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HELEN MARGARETT JACOBSEN
IN NEBRASKA DISTRICT

- Feb. 24 Hampton — Immanuel
- Feb. 25 HAZARD — Mason City parish
- Feb. 26 ORD — Dannevirke-Farwell parish
- Feb. 27 ST. PAUL — Cushing parish
- Feb. 28 DANNEBROG — Dry Creek parish
- March 2 DENVER — Christ the King, A.M.; St. Mark, P.M.
- March 3 ALTURA
- March 4 Bethany
- MARCH 5 BRUSH — Eben Ezer afternoon; First English, evening
- March 6 MINDEN — Bethany
- March 7 Fredericksburg
- March 9 RUSKIN — Bethany A.M.
- LINCOLN — Our Savior's afternoon — Davey, evening
- March 10 CORDOVA — Our Savior's
- March 11 STAPLEHURST — Our Savior's
- March 12 KENNARD — Orum parish
- March 13 OMAHA — Pella
- March 14 BLAIR — Dana College

IS THIS YOU?

I ought to belong to the church because I ought to be better than I am. Henry Ward Beecher said, "The church is not a gallery for the exhibition of eminent Christians, but a school for the education of imperfect ones."

I ought to belong to the church because of what I can give to it and do through it, as well as because of what I may get out of it. The church is not a dormitory for sleepers, it is an institution of workers; it is not a rest camp, it is a front-line trench.

I ought to belong to the church because of hopes; hope that lives when promises are dead; hope that paves the way for progress; hope that visions peace and social justice; hope for time, and hope for eternity—the grand hope that casts its anchor behind Jesus Christ.

I ought to belong to the church because of memories; memories of things I can never forget; memories of faces that will never fade; memories of vows that are the glory of youth.

I ought to belong to the church, but not until I am ready to join a going concern; not until I am willing to become an active partner with Jesus Christ.

—The Messenger

WHO IS A SUCCESS?

Have you ever asked yourself whether you are "a success"? When we are young we are inclined to measure success in terms of a fine job or a fat bank account. Yet, every now and then we hear about people who have both who are desperately unhappy and consider themselves failures. It is only as we grow older that the truth dawns on us that success is determined not by what we have, but by what we are. Probably no more perfect description of "success" was ever written than that of Robert Louis Stevenson, who wrote:

"That man is a success who has lived well, laughed often, and loved much; who has gained the respect of intelligent men and the love of children; who has filled his niche and accomplished his task; who leaves the world better than he found it, whether by an improved poppy, a perfect poem, or a rescued soul; who never lacked appreciation of earth's beauty or failed to express it; who looked for the best in others and gave the best he had. His memory is a benediction."

—Whatsoever Things

A school boy was making a speech about the national debt: "It's too bad that future generations cannot be here at this time," he said, "to see the magnificent things we are doing with their money."

FAITH AND WORKS

We lift our faith inwardly and upwardly to God, but our works we do outwardly and downwardly to our neighbor. We practice good works toward one another, because our heavenly Father has done us good and is doing us good without ceasing. We cannot make God stronger and richer by our good works, but we can make our neighbor stronger and richer by doing him good.

—Luther

OUR FOREIGN MISSION

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well, and then know the mentality and trend of thinking among the natives.

We live in a time of great opportunity, great privileges, but also of great responsibility.

—Faith and Fellowship

CHRIST IS CONCERNED
ABOUT YOU

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Him, salvation through faith alone. All of our works are inadequate. Even the Law of God is not sufficient. The Gospel alone, the good news of the Savior, is the only message that can bring peace to the sin burdened soul. In Christ the guilt is taken away. In Christ we stand justified to meet our Heavenly King who walks with us through life and with whom we shall reign in eternity.

The Savior who was concerned about a betraying Judas, a denying Peter, a doubting Thomas, a loving mother and a sinful world is concerned about you. How precious our souls are to Him.

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